

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DIGEST AN EVIL RUMOR IS TO TAKE IT WITH A CHASER OF SALT.

## R. Edgren's COLUMN

### Military Authorities Planning an Olympic Meet for Allied Soldiers.

VER in France so many of the crack athletes are gathered that the military authorities are planning to hold an Olympic meet, only Germany and her subject countries being barred. The meet would bring together many of the star athletes from the United States, Canada, Australia, England, France and Italy.

The Italians have a new Marathon runner who won a thirteen-mile Marathon in England last week in very fast time—a runner said to be better than Derando. As he beat the English distance men easily, he would be favorite in the big race.

The United States would have the biggest team of world's champions of track and field. Imagine a team with such men as Meredith, Duncan, Kiviat, Overton and scores of college and club champions, pitted against the rest of the Allies! It would be some set of games.

COLUMBIA will miss Jim Rice, the famous rowing coach, who has just resigned. Rice is one of the best coaches in the country. He has done remarkably well with Columbia crews. Rice did not care to go on with his work under war conditions. He felt that there was not enough enthusiasm over rowing at Columbia to make the effort of digging out and training a crew worth while.

FROM the front we hear that war isn't interfering with baseball "over there." Divisional championship matches are being played back of the lines, and the Hoche drive is hardly getting any attention in the presence of the greater attraction. The soldier boys have a corner on all the enthusiasm in the world. Over here we look at the ball players and wonder if they might not better be "over there." The Hoche drive is the ball players are already wearing khaki, and everybody is ready to give them full credit for anything they do. The point of view is just a little bit different.

JESS WILLARD is said to have stowed away something like \$100,000 since he took the title from Johnson at Havana.

This talk about money is usually exaggeration. Probably Willard has been a party to taking in about \$100,000.

But Jess had a bunch of managers. Just how much of it he has now is a question. But I have no doubt at all that he could show enough to support him in some degree of ease up to a good old age, and buy all the black cattle he wants for that Kansas ranch.

Jess could afford to spend his time working for the Red Cross. Imagine the tremendous popularity Willard had in his hands—and throw away. He was a fine figure of a champion. He beat the much disliked Johnson in good knockout style. He had everything to make him a popular figure—the most popular in all the history of boxing.

If Jess had shown a desire to do something for his country, he could have volunteered to fight a few battles for the Red Cross and for the army funds. He could have done some boxing at the army camps, where men in training would have been benefited through seeing him in action and would have enjoyed looking him over. It wouldn't have cost Jess anything to go around the country working for the Red Cross. He would have become more popular than on the day he beat Johnson—a million times more popular, and with this added popularity he could have done a world of good.

Jess Willard is to be pitied. Through sheer inability to realize his opportunities to do a great work, and sheer inability to put himself in touch with ideas that did not consist wholly of ambition to make money, he has missed the greatest chance a fighter ever had.

One of the boxers who went from New York to Buffalo last Thursday to fight six rounds for the benefit of the fund that is to equip our soldier camps with much needed athletic supplies, said in his hearing:

"Gee! I wish I was Willard for a couple of days, so I could help make the gate receipts bigger."

That boy had the right idea. He wasn't thinking of himself or his own credit. He was thinking of what good he could do. He wished that he could do more.

Fortunately for the good reputation of the sport of boxing there are thousands like him—and few indeed who are unwilling to use their talents for a patriotic purpose.

MULVILLY expects to hold the Dempsey-Fulton fight in Danbury, July 4th. He is counting on taking in a \$100,000 gate.

The fight would be very interesting, and the trip to Danbury is not at all impossible.

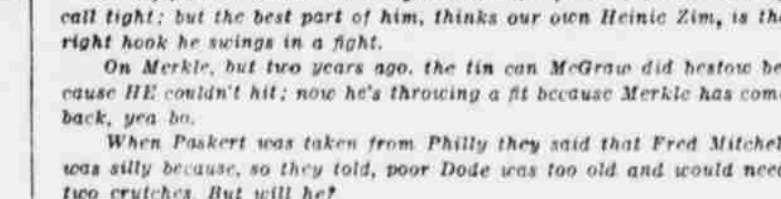
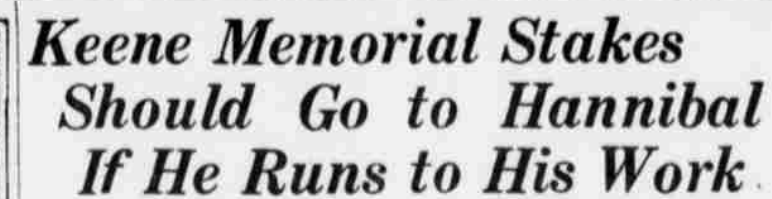
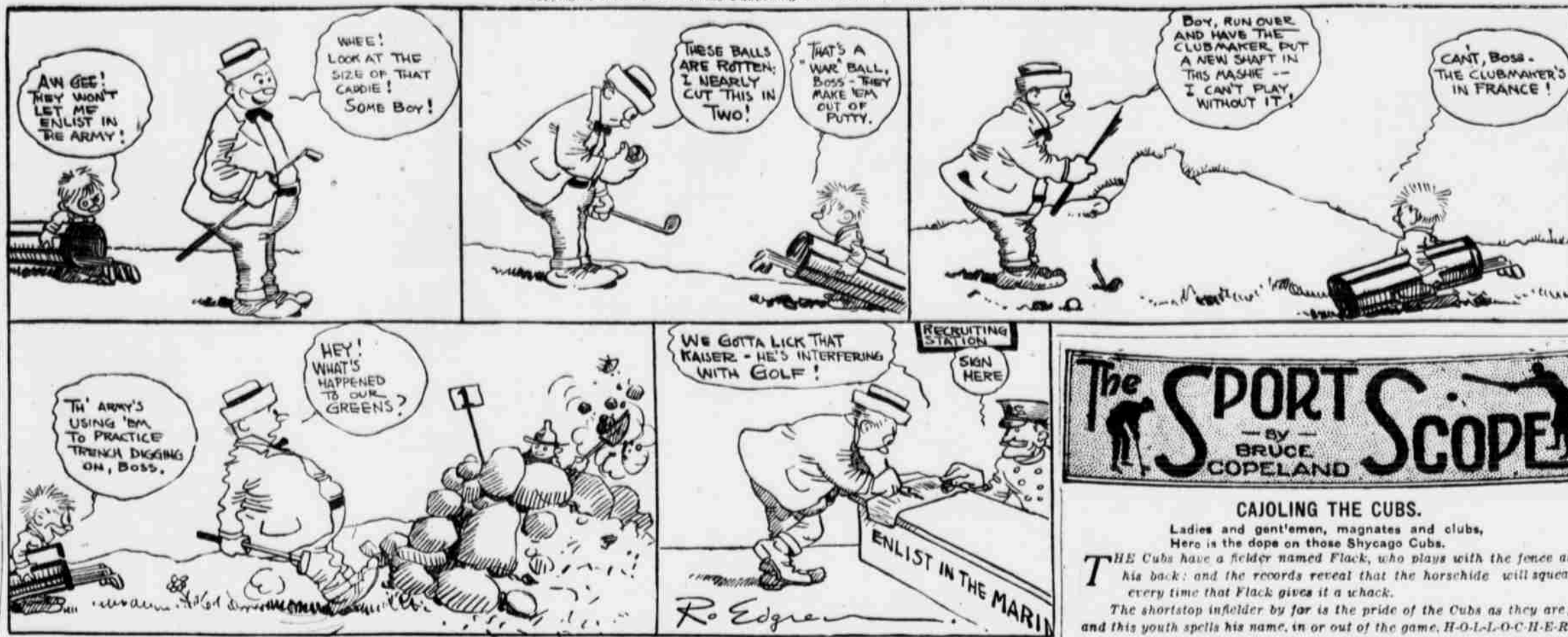
But there will be no \$100,000 gate. To-day the general public is just a little too much interested in the war news to be excited over whether the plasterer or the miner is the better wall-popper.

When the war is over there will be a tremendous boom in all lines of sport. Then there will be big ring bouts aplenty, and big gates to go with them. But until then—don't look for the \$100,000 until you strain your eyes, Joseph.

# BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK

## THERE'S A LIMIT TO EVERYTHING

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### HOOKS AND SLICES

By William Abbott

**Golf Tournaments This Year Likely to Net \$5,000,000 for War Purposes.**

IT is not unlikely that close to \$5,000,000 will be realized from golf matches for war purposes. The biggest money earner will be the Liberty Tournament on July 4, in which nearly every club in the United States will participate. Officials of the United States Golf Association are confident that upward of a million dollars will be collected from the Liberty matches. The returns from the exhibitions held for the Red Cross already mount into the hundreds of thousands. The most successful of these tournaments from a financial viewpoint was the meeting in Chicago last Sunday between Chick Evans and Jim Barnes, with Jack Hutchinson and Bob McDonald. The sum of \$60,000 was raised in this match, which tops all other collections.

To date "Long Jim" Barnes is the biggest money maker for the Red Cross. Jim's clubs have driven in about \$100,000 for the War Relief Fund. Other professionals who have been successful in Red Cross matches are Walter Hazen, Jack Hutchinson, George Low, Jack Dowling, Tom McNamara and George McLean. Weekly club tournaments for which War Saving Stamps are offered as prizes should not be a mint of money for Uncle Sam. It is a general rule this year that clubs will play for Thrift and War Stamps in lieu of regular prizes.

Golf balls this season not only are affording wholesome recreation to thousands, but are developing into hustling little money makers.

Jerry Travers and John Anderson are back from their flying invasion of Chicago. Though defeated by Chick Evans and Warren Wood, the pair are enthusiastic over their reception in the Windy City. Travers and Anderson both declare that the West seems more excited about the war than New York. The turn-outs for the golf tournaments were particularly spirited and it came time to take collections.

The Howarth Club hopes to have its new holes opened within a few weeks. Walter J. Travis is superintending the partial reconstruction of the course, which includes brand new lay-outs for the first, second, fourth and sixteenth holes.

The Shackson Club of Westfield, N. J., has arranged a big Red Cross tournament for the 23d of this month, which should be a humdinger. On one side will be Jerry Travers and Max Marston. On the other, Tom McNamara, former metropolitan champion, and Cyril Walker, the clever Shackson professional. In this way one of the strongest amateur and professional combinations will test each other's skill.

Shackson is one of the longest and prettiest courses in the metropolitan district. It has a par of 72, but no one has ever turned the trick in these figures. The special tournament will start at 3 o'clock.

The Press championship will be held on the Oak Ridge course at Tuckahoe, Westchester, and the following Monday, June 24. John C. Anderson is the present holder of the title, having won it last year at Dunwoody.

As a result of the first match play round in the Red Cross tournament of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association at Apawamis two New Jersey players, Mrs. Thomas Hunk, of Forest Hill and Mrs. L. C. Stockton of Maritana Valley, and a

### Keene Memorial Stakes Should Go to Hannibal If He Runs to His Work

Wilson's Colt Is a Watch Breaker in Trials During Training Hours.

By Vincent Treanor.

When James R. Keene died a few years back some one in The Jockey Club thought it would be a fine idea to have a race run annually as a sort of commemoration of one of the finest men ever connected with racing. Accordingly, to-day we have the sixth renewal of the event, called the Keene Memorial, and it has a value of \$5,000. Races of this kind aren't run every day and a man with a good two-year-old is naturally anxious to win it, for Keene Memorial winners are going to be just as important to horse posterity as winners of the Futurity victors. There are even named overnight for this year's race, the Keene Memorial, and outside of Aunt Dinah they are an ordinary lot—that is, they haven't done anything worth while. Star Hampton won one race at Jamaica, but he didn't beat anything; still, on the strength of that he may be favorite to-day. But—listen to this—here is a dark horse in the field. His name is Hannibal and he is owned by R. F. Wilson. He is a son of Olambala and his mother was Mexicana, one of the

lightest footed mares which ever ran. Hannibal can win the race, in fact, he should win it, if he will run this afternoon the way he does in the mornings. Quarters in 23 seconds, half miles in 46, and five furlongs in 59, are like breaking sticks to him, but so far he hasn't raced to this work. This afternoon Hannibal may forget it is not the morning, and if he does and has his share of racing luck, the Keene Memorial of 1918 should be accredited to R. F. Wilson Jr.

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Walter Jennings knows a good two-year-old when he sees one. He stepped in yesterday and bought Thomas F. McMahon for \$2,000. The colt, a son of Col. by the way, was entered for \$500. Next time he goes to post he will be decked out in the fashionable Macomber Stable colors.

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Next time Willie Martin, trainer of the Kentucky Stable and environs, goes down to Brooklyn to get a permit to carry a shooting iron, he is liable to be arrested. While applied to a certain judge yesterday for the right to carry a gun for a while, "What's a good bet to-day?" asked the judge, in the course of events. "Why, Judge, bet anything you like on Cadillac in the sixth race. He's a cinch." Willie had a starter in the same race, Kingfisher, by name, as the judge thought Willie a good Samaritan. Well? On nothing, only Kingfisher won and Cadillac was third. Oh, yes, Willie Martin is just as popular in a certain court house as he would be behind the German lines.

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### RACING SELECTIONS.

**BELMONT PARK.**  
First Race—Elfin Hart, Sandberg, Winning Card.  
Second Race—No selections.  
Third Race—Gus, Corn Tassel.  
Fourth Race—Hannibal, Star Hampton, Zuleika.  
Fifth Race—Judge Wingfield, Elison, Little Nearer.  
Seventh Race—Lord Brighton, Kerenky, War Zone.

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## INTERPRETATION OF WAR WORK OR FIGHT ORDER IN TEN DAYS

Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, It Is Said, Will Give Baseball Players the Same Exemption as Actors.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Baseball owners and players will know where they stand on the recent "war work or fight" order within ten days, as a complete explanation and interpretation will be issued by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder by June 20. The order goes into effect on July 1. It is pointed out that professional baseball, like theatres, serves as a distracting medium, and as theatres are exempted, it is felt here that baseball also will be put in the same class.

Ray Fischer will twist for the Post-Spectrum nine when it faces the Minola aviators at Garden City this afternoon. The boys will start for Bob Stubbins, whom they expected to be a puzzle for the soldiers.

Flushing High School allowed a chance to win the Queensborough championship in its recent triumph over it at Richmond Hill High School on the Flushing baseball diamond. The boys' team, which won the championship, should the latter win, three teams will be tied for the title.

The Federal Reserve baseball team smashed out seventeen hits in easily defeating the Empire State team at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, by a score of 9 to 4. Speer, Gimpel and Melville scored three hits, allowing only one run in the last eight innings.

BOSTON, June 12.—Pittsburgh took Boston's place at the bottom of the first division by defeating the home team, 3 to 2, in sixteen innings. Sanders was hit harder than Hearn, but the visiting pitcher was invincible in the pitcher's box, allowing only one hit in the last eight innings.

Fritz Molwitz is a much-travelled ball player. Fritz has shipped his Java in his trunk, and he is now in the city for Pittsburgh, which is all that the smoky city fans want. Fritz has a baseball in the Steel League. Joe Jackson, the White Sox outfielder, is in the same league.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., June 12.—The largest weekday crowd of the season attended the first twilight baseball game in Binghamton, N. Y., at the Binghamton Twilight Baseball Club. The game was continued here owing to the success of this game, which was over at 8:30 o'clock.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Claude Williams won the White Sox have left the club to go to work in a shipbuilding plant at Wilmington, Del. Williams is a baseball player in the Steel League. Joe Jackson, the White Sox outfielder, is in the same league.

### Won't Abandon Rowing Despite Rice's Quitting

The Columbia University Athletic Association accepted the resignation of Rowing Coach Jim Rice at a special meeting last night. The association officials regretted the parting, but announced that the resigning of Rice did not mean the abandonment of rowing at Columbia. The committee is firmly of the opinion that rowing should be continued as in the past.

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### NEW LEAGUE MAY REPLACE THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 12.—Reorganizing of the Southern Association, directors of which, at a meeting Monday at Birmingham, voted to close the season on June 25, with a six-club league, to be held at Nashville. The plan is being considered by Manager Frank of the Atlanta team and Secretary Harry of the Nashville club is to discontinue the New Orleans and Mobile Clubs and use the players from the two clubs to strengthen the others.

### RACING AT BEAUTIFUL BELMONT PARK TO-MORROW

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FIRST RACE AT 2:30 P. M. SPECIAL RACE TRAINS Leave Penn. Station, 330 St. and 7th Aves. and from Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, at 12:30, and at intervals of 15 minutes. P. M. Special Cars Reserved for Ladies. Course and Stables at Tilden. Grand Stand at Paddock, \$2.50. Ladies, \$1.00. Including War Tax.